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## ***Canal basin to be dedicated in memory of local WWII Hero***

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Mayor Bart Peterson will join United States military personnel in a ceremony dedicating the 10<sup>th</sup> Street canal basin in memory of local World War II naval hero Admiral Raymond A. Spruance.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 4  
Noon

**Where:** 10<sup>th</sup> Street Canal Basin (along the canal walk)  
417 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Although vastly outnumbered by Japanese vessels and aircraft, Admiral Spruance commanded U.S. Navy Task Force 16 during a stunning and overwhelming victory at the Battle of Midway, an engagement that marked the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

Spruance graduated from Indianapolis' Shortridge High School in 1903.

While in command of the Navy's Fifth Fleet from 1943-45, Spruance chose the *USS Indianapolis* as his flagship.

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